(b) Specialist facilities are provided in different disciplines in specified weekdays. With such selected dispensaries, the nearby CGHS dispensaries have been attached for providing specialist services.

(c) Upgradation of CGHS dispensaries is an on going process which is subject to manpower and resource availability.

Greater demand for Diploma in Homoeopathic Pharmacy

4812. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that demand for Diploma in Homoeopathic Pharmacy is increasing due to popularity of Homoeopathic Pharmacy in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment for education, training and registration of requirement of Diploma in Homoeopathic Pharmacy in the country in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The Government is aware of the growing demand of Homoeopathic Pharmacy education in the country and the need to regulate such education. The Department has advised the State Governments to start Homoeopathic pharmacy education. Steps have already been taken to set up a regulatory mechanism for pharmacy education in Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy.

Purchase of costly equipment by hospitals in Delhi

4813. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of costly equipments purchased by the authorities in various hospitals in Delhi and cost involved during the last three years, hospital-wise; and

(b) the percentage of medical equipments lying idle in each hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.